

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. A one piece surgical device for perforating an amniotic membrane, the device comprising a elongate body defining a tip portion and an opposite handle portion, with the tip portion including a blunt end surface and a rearwardly projecting hook portion which is adjacent an upper edge of the body and the handle portion includes one or more raised surfaces located on the sides of the body closely adjacent the upper edge, wherein a user grasping the device may feel the raised surfaces to determine the orientation of the hook portion.

Claim 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the raised surfaces comprises a pair of bumps located on opposite sides of the body.

Claim 3. The device of claim 1, wherein the handle portion further comprises a contoured rear end configured to facilitate one-handed use of the device and comprising a pair of enlarged lobes spaced apart from one another by a connecting segment, with the enlarged lobes and the connecting segment each having a thickness, with the thicknesses of the enlarged lobes each being greater than the thickness of the connecting segment.

Claim 4. A one piece surgical device for perforating an amniotic membrane, the device comprising a elongate body defining a tip portion and an opposite handle

5      portion, with the tip portion including a blunt end surface and a rearwardly projecting hook portion which is adjacent an upper edge of the body and the handle portion, the handle portion including a contoured rear end configured to facilitate one-handed use of the device and comprising a pair of enlarged lobes spaced apart from one another by a connecting segment, with the enlarged lobes and the connecting segment each having a thickness, wherein the thickness of each of the enlarged lobes is each greater than the thickness of the connecting segment.

Claim 5.      The device of claim 4, wherein the ratio of the thickness of each of the enlarged lobes to the thickness of the connecting segment is from about 2 to about 4.